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For: Methods for Producing Labeled Nucleic Acids or Proteins

Inventors: OONO et al.

Our Ref:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c);
- Two (2) pages of Form PTO-1449 citing six (6) documents; 2.
- Copies of three (3) cited documents; and 3.
- One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, or Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

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